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'BROADWAY BEAT'
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Rescue Work Firemen and rescue workers were forced to dig beyond wreckage and beams in the Washington Heights tenement disaster. Spectators still crowded police lines yesterday, although all of the missing have been accounted for. (See Story Page 12.)

Help Free Spain! All Out to Rally At Garden Tonight

These men are veterans of the war against Hitler and Mussolini.

Still clothed in the uniforms of Nazi concentration camps, they are Spanish republicans who fought three long and terrible years against the German and Italian invaders.

Now exiles in France, they await news of action by the members of the United Nations.

The voice of men and women who love freedom thundered into the chambers of the General Assembly at Flushing Meadows. It was heard in the resolution which branded Franco as the puppet of Hitler and Mussolini. It was heard in the demand to withdraw all ambassadors and ministers from Madrid.

The conscience of the world will be heard in Madison Square Garden



in the Christmas Salute to Spanish republicans tonight.

While the words in condemnation of Franco

have been written the deeds remain to be done. New York will salute freedom at Madison Square Garden tonight.

WORLD EVENTS

WFTU Wins Partial Status in UN At Closing Session

World labor won a partial victory in the closing hours of the United Nations General Assembly at Flushing Meadows yesterday by securing limited status for the World Federation of Trade Unions in UN.

The Assembly approved by a vote of 34 to 11 with 8 abstention a resolution giving the WFTU the right to submit questions to the agenda of the UN Economic and Social Council. The resolution was sponsored by the Soviet Union and was strongly opposed by the U.S. and British delegations.

In what promised to be the final plenary session of 1946, the UN polished off a dozen remaining items and admitted its 55th member, Siam.

Helen Gahagan Douglas, former stage star and alternate U.S. delegate, argued yesterday against giving the world trade union organization special status in UN.

Assembly president Paul Henry Spaak hastened the meeting by securing limited debate and suspending most translations in an effort to wind up its sessions.

Another controversial issue yesterday was where to hold the next Assembly session. The Ukrainian delegation proposed that it be held in Europe.

UN LEADERS TO HAIL SPANISH PEOPLE AT GARDEN TONIGHT

United Nations leaders prominent in the Assembly discussions of Franco Spain will be keynote speakers at the Madison Square Garden Christmas Salute to Spanish Republicans tonight at 7:30, it was announced by the Spanish Refugee Appeal.

Among those who will address the rally are Alexandre Parodi, French Permanent Delegate to the United

Nations; Dr. Jan Masaryk, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister; Dr. Oscar Lange, Polish Ambassador to the United States; and Sava Kosanovich, Yugoslav Ambassador to the United States.

Latin American labor leader Vicente Lombardo Toledano is flying from Mexico to address the Salute. He will be introduced by Jacob Potofsky, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

The Spanish Republicans will be represented by Julio Alvarez del Vayo, former foreign minister.

The internationally renowned baritone, Paul Robeson, will sing the songs he sang in Spain for the Spanish Republican troops during the war. Paul Draper will present a group of original danciers.

BRITISH industrialists joined in a blistering attack against the Labor Government's Bill to nationalize all chief forms of inland transport.

Disarmament Plan

By Joseph Clark

The decision on world disarmament was the standout accomplishment of the United Nations General Assembly in any balance sheet of the sessions drawing to a close at Flushing Meadows.

Achievements were chalked up in the general disarmament resolution, the slap at Jimcrow in the Union of South Africa, the decision to brand Franco as an Axis puppet and recommend withdrawal of ambassadors and ministers from his fascist regime.

People who long for a just and durable peace will be disappointed by the other side of the ledger which shows defeat for the world survey of troops stationed in foreign lands, and failure to provide guarantees that the UN trusteeship system will lead to freedom for dependent peoples.

Meanwhile, the long and disputed search for a UN home reached a happy ending. The United Nations world capital will be located smack in the center of the great melting pot of nations . . . New York. In years to come a great skyscraper home for UN will rise overlooking the East river, between 42 and 48 Sts. Ap-

propriately enough, the eastern boundary of the new site is the Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive.

DISARMAMENT

The spirit of conciliation, compromise, give and take on disarmament, by the Big Three—Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States finally resulted in an unanimous vote by the 54 nations represented in the General Assembly.

This resolution calls for: a general reduction of arms and troops; a ban on the atom bomb; the balanced and progressive withdrawal of troops in foreign lands; a system of inspection and control and establishment of an international police force.

TROOP SURVEY

Lost in a welter of confusion during the last crowded and complicated discussion on the troop survey was this startling fact:

The troop survey was voted down after Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko said he would vote for the resolution though it included the American insistence on a survey of home troops. He said he would vote for it even though it did not include the Soviet insis-



Byrnes, Bevin Block Troop Survey: The Secretary of State and British Foreign Secretary are shown talking things over between closing speeches made by Byrnes, Bevin and Molotov late Friday night at the United Nations General Assembly. While the Big Three ministers all expressed agreement on the world disarmament resolution, Anglo-American opposition stymied a world troop survey. At the Saturday session Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko agreed to vote for the troop survey resolution even if it included troops at home WITHOUT an armament count, but the Anglo-American bloc still stymied action. Byrnes revealed in his speech that the U.S. has slightly under 550,000 troops overseas, including 19,000 in China and over 90,000 in the Philippines.

Mrs. Pandit Says Agents Trailed Her in N.Y.

KARACHI, India, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, leader of the Indian delegation to the United Nations Assembly, today charged that the British disapproved of her association with Soviet delegates and that she was "shadowed" during the New York meeting.

Mrs. Pandit spent two hours at the Grish Road airport here while her plane refueled before continuing its flight to New Delhi.

The tiny, grey-haired woman praised Soviet treatment of the Indians in contrast to the British attitude. She complained that the British slighted her by refusing to refer to her as the leader of the Indian delegations during debates.

On the other hand, she said: "When I thanked the leader of the Russian delegation for support in the case against South Africa, he

said he would accept my thanks because he had voted for justice and not for India."

Mrs. Pandit said that although the UN resolution against South Africa regarding discrimination of Indian minorities was couched in mild terms, its implications were deep. She predicted the UN would take action in the matter if the governments of India and South Africa failed to solve the problem in a manner satisfactory to both. The future peace and security of the world depended on the solution, she said.

UN Achievement

tence on counting armaments as well as troops.

In sharp contrast to Big Three cooperation on a general disarmament resolution—was the Anglo-American opposition to an all-inclusive troops survey. It failed because instead of big power cooperation, the Anglo-American bloc was directed against Russia, and not toward getting chapter and verse about troops stationed in foreign lands.

JIMCROW

Small nations joined with large ones like the Soviet Union and many Latin American countries as well as far eastern formed a majority which condemned the Smuts government discrimination against its Indian minority. The Anglo-Americans were lined up on the side of Jimcrow.

At the same time, efforts of the Union of South Africa to get an o.k. on annexation of Southwest Africa was defeated.

SPAIN

France's Leon Jouhaux noted time and again in the discussion of Franco Spain that he represented not only his government but over 70,000,000 workers organized in the World Federation

Iran Troops In Kurdistan Capital

Iranian chief of staff General Ali Rasmara announced yesterday that government forces had marched into Mahabad, the capital of Kurdistan, according to United Press.

Kurdistan province is south of Azerbaijan, where a short-lived autonomous democratic government was supported last week. Rasmara's troops also have occupied Tabriz, the Azerbaijan capital.

In Iran, world trouble spot where civil war has been raging intermittently, the fight is one between a feudalistic central government and the democratic local administration of Azerbaijan province, which has historically spearheaded the country's progress and cultural development.

Azerbaijan's three million people are of Turkish, not Iranian, stock. They have more schools, industries and unions than any other part of Iran.

Since Iran lies at the crossroads of Anglo-American and Soviet influence in the Near East, the flareups have in the past, and may again, be discussed by the United Nations.

LONG HISTORY

But the issue that is being fought out has a long internal history. The Azerbaijanis who installed the first printing press in Iran as long ago in 1818, started the first daily newspaper in all Asia in the same year and produced Iran's first modern literature in the 1850's, have always been in the forefront of democratic resistance to Teheran despotism.

In 1886 they headed the movement that gave Iran its constitution. In 1908, when the Shah (king) suppressed parliament, they marched on the capital and forced him to put the constitution back into effect.

The Iranian union movement was also started in Azerbaijan by men who had had contact with Russian unionists while working in the Baku oil wells in czarist times. Baku is now the capital of the Soviet Azerbaijan republic, where people of the same descent live and the same language is spoken.

The people of Iranian Azerbaijan, however, are not fighting to join the Soviet Union. What they want is a better life and the right to use their own language in Iran itself.

Contrary to charges leveled against them, the Azerbaijanis have no contact or aid from Moscow. American correspondents recently confirmed this by stating, after investigation, that the whole Azerbaijan armed force has six tanks, as opposed to the Teheran government which has large numbers of both tanks and planes supplied by Britain and the U.S.

Iran has been a point of interest to the U.S. and Britain both because of its strategic importance and because of its lucrative oilfields, largely controlled by the British through the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co.

UNRRA Aided Only Chiang

Communist headquarters in China yesterday published the exchange of telegrams between Chou En-lai and Tung Pi-wu and United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation officials wherein they charged that their protest against unfair distribution was kept off the agenda of the sixth UNRRA Council session, according to United Press.

LABOR and the NATION

Wage Raises to Stall 'Bust'--Murray

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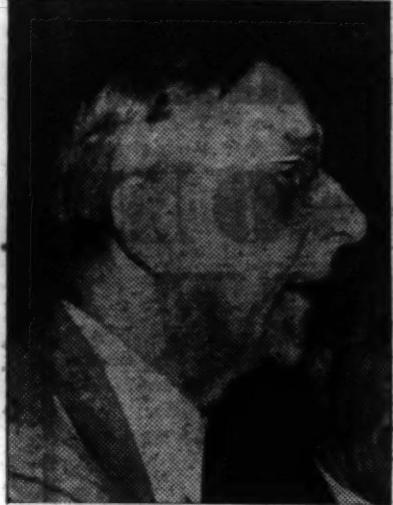
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Philip Murray of the CIO today called upon President Truman's Council of Economic Advisors to support substantial wage increases as the major means of avoiding a "boom and bust" disaster. In a 6,000-word document analyzing the factors

Another Housing Chief Quits, Scores Truman's New 'Plan'

Norton E. Long, one of former housing expediter Wilson W. Wyatt's top aides, quit last night, effective Dec. 27, with a charge that President Truman's revised housing program is a "non-veteran, non-housing housing program." Long, assistant national housing administrator in charge of program, said he was resigning because he "joined with Wyatt in an effort to work out an effective housing program and, as far as I can see, that program is dead—the only thing it lacks is decent burial."

Referring to the revisions announced last night by Truman, he said he failed to see how they constituted a "program" and merely "deluded veterans that something is being done for them." He contended the administration has advanced "no rental program."

Sen. Bailey Dies



SEN. JOSIAH W. BAILEY, 73, (D-NC), chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, died at his Raleigh home yesterday. He was serving his third term. He was first elected to the Senate in 1930.

BUILDERS HAPPY

The construction industry hailed Truman's new building program as a "spur to increased production" but some veterans officials criticized it severely.

Long's resignation is one of a series in the wake of Wyatt's departure. Wyatt quit after Truman failed to support his program and, in quick order, general deputy housing expediter Joseph L. Rauh; E. A. Verpillot, a special deputy expediter, and several others stepped out.

Truman thus wrote off most of the broad program of building controls set up by Wyatt.

CIO Asks Public Probe in Scottoriggio Death

The City CIO yesterday joined with Rep. Vito Marcantonio in demanding that open congressional committee hearings be held in the investigation of the election day death of Joseph Scottoriggio, and pledged help to the people of the 18th Congressional District "in their determination to keep Vito Marcantonio in Congress."

The CIO Council charged an attempt was made "to stampede the voters" into voting Marcantonio down, and failing this, new attempts are being made to nullify the votes that returned the progressive congressman to office.

"The Greater N. Y. CIO Council trusts that the police and the District Attorney's office will exert themselves to the fullest to apprehend the person or persons for the death of Scottoriggio," a statement said.

"We expect that in so doing they will respect the civil liberties of the people in the district and will not lend themselves to the smear campaign which the Hearst and Scripps-Howard press have been conducting against Congressman Marcantonio."

Bilbo Ex-Secretary To Testify Today Despite Threats

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Edward P. Terry, who claims he was warned under pain of death not to testify, appears before a Senate War Investigating Committee tomorrow to take up the elusive trail of \$25,000 which a war contractor allegedly paid over to Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo (D-Miss.).

Bilbo is accused of accepting the money and other gifts in 1942-43 in exchange for his influence in obtaining lush war contracts. His answer is that he "didn't get a damned dollar" and that he'll prove it when all the evidence is in.

The right to his Senate seat may be the stake.

Terry, Bilbo's erstwhile secretary, turned up "in a nervous state" in a Quitman, Miss., hospital last week while FBI agents were trying to ferret him out. He had been missing for several days. He will have a star role tomorrow along with J.

Civil Rights Day—A Note for Senators

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The nation today celebrated "Bill of Rights" Day.

President Truman recently named a 15-man group of business, labor, religious, educational and sociological leaders to study and recommend ways to strengthen what he termed "the weak and inadequate" civil rights statutes.

Marvin Quin, Jackson, Miss., banker to whom he revealed the anonymous death threat. Quin's subpoena also directed him to produce records of his bank's financial dealings with Terry.

Joining the parade to the witness stand will be A. L. Shushan, prominent New Orleans contractor, and supporter of the late Huey Long, who is supposed to

Help oust Franco. Attend the Christmas Salute to Spain's Republicans at Madison Square Garden tonight at 8:30.

No Open Season on Harlem

By Benjamin J. Davis

INSTEAD OF concentrating upon finding the killers of Scottoriggio, the city authorities, at the behest of the howling reactionary press, are turning this case into an "open season" upon labor and progressives, and, in particular, upon the people of Harlem.

The lead is being taken by Police Commissioner Wallander who has just proclaimed a "get tough" policy for the policemen in Harlem. It seems to be a common affliction of federal, state and city officials that they don't know whom to get tough with.

Mayor O'Dwyer, unfortunately, is shedding little light on the situation, but is adding considerable heat. His statement that "1,000 policemen" will be thrown into the Scottoriggio case can be understood as an expression of

determination to find the killer.

But, one must ask, is this the only crime taking place against citizens upon which the just indignation of the city authorities must be visited? What about these wealthy interests responsible for the death of more than 32 citizens in the Amsterdam tenement disaster—or about the landlords in slum areas whose houses burn so many people at the stake, so to speak?

IN ANY EVENT, doesn't the Mayor realize how the reactionaries are trying to turn the Scottoriggio case and the police shake-up into an intensified wave of police terror against labor and progressives, against the Negro people of Harlem, as well as against Puerto Ricans and other minority groups? What good will this do our city?

The perversion of the Scottoriggio case by certain authorities and pro-fascist newspapers in the city had its origin in the original statement of Gov. Dewey that this was the work of "left-wing" forces. It was the intention of Dewey to destroy all his political opposition with a use of the frameup, if not with outright violence as when his Harlem meeting last Nov. 5, provoked the unprecedented charge of mounted cops into a tumult of defenseless women, men and children who opposed his reelection.

Why, indeed must the administration of this city move to the finger snapping of Dewey, pulling his political chestnuts out of the fire? The Mayor got his political fingers burnt when early this year he yielded to Gov. Dewey who shortchanged the city in finances for schools and social services. Even one such yielding is too often.

WE NOW HAVE a police shake-up. From the way, matters have been developing in the police department, such a shake-up could bring some good. But how much shaking is going to be done? Is, for example, police brutality against Negroes going to be looked into and ended? What about the outrageous police beatings of Carleton Powell, of James Slappy, of Mrs. Josie Stewart of six other notorious cases of police brutality against Negroes? All of these cases were presented to Commissioner Wallander four months ago by my office, the Communist Party, the Civil Rights Congress and countless other labor and progressive groups.

The Commissioner was told then that something was rotten in Denmark. But he replied with a baseless charge that this writer was carrying on a "campaign of calumny" against the police department. It's too bad the Commissioner wasn't carrying on a so-called "campaign of calumny" at that time. If then he had investigated and taken stern action against police brutality, the department would probably not have come to its present pass.

In carrying on this shakeup, it should be recognized that where there is corruption and malfeasance in the police department, it goes hand in hand with police brutality and reaction, with police winking at the systematic gangsterism against Negroes as in Greenwich Village.

One thing that needs to be shaken out of the department are the Christian Fronters the anti-Semitic Patrolman Drews, the policemen who shoot Negroes and brutalize them simply

veteran sons, denying them homes and jobs at union wages and working conditions. They do not overcharge themselves for rotten foods at monopoly prices. They do not deny themselves entry at tax-supported schools. They do not make the restrictive covenants which deny them access to apartments and homes outside of Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant. These are the root causes of conditions which stifle Negro youth, which tend to drive them to despondency, although their resistance to this tendency is remarkable.

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CIO Teachers Ask Dewey For \$100 Million For Schools

The CIO Teachers Union called on Governor Dewey over the week-end to make available \$100,000,000 for increased teacher salaries and state aid to schools, and denounced reports that this fund was being "locked into the rainy day reserve." The union declared

Back Raise for City Workers

A \$600 annual pay increase retroactive to July 1, 1946, for all city workers was urged yesterday by the City CIO in a letter to Mayor O'Dwyer.

The skyrocketing cost of living coupled with the substandard wages of New York's 180,000 workers makes this increase absolutely essential, the CIO declared. The increase could be paid for out of tax revenues and realistic valuation of real estate, the CIO said.

The mayor's special committee on wages is due to submit a recommendation to the mayor this week on the pay boost.

TENANT GROUP DEMANDS TIGHTER N.Y. RENT CONTROL

The Joint Rent Action Committee yesterday urged Governor Dewey to recommend a renewal of the State Residential Rent Control Law in his message to the Legislature.

Former Assemblyman John J. Lamula, legislative representative of the Rent Committee, a state wide organization of 83 tenant groups representing 66,000 tenants, in calling for retention of the Rent law, asked that appropriate amendments be passed to scotch any rent grab emanating from Washington.

In his petition Lamula said, "Many tenants fear that it is just a question of time when all Federal rent control will be thrown overboard. The Real Estate Lobby is out for a double killing. In Washington they are engaged in an all-out fight to kill rent control by plausibly prating about 'States Rights.' If successful their next move will be a demand upon Albany for a 15 percent increase in residential rents. There are 5,000,000 rent payers in this State whose average rental is approximately \$40 per month. A 15 percent boost would mean an extra load of \$30,000,000 monthly, hitting hardest the low income groups least able to afford this additional bur-

den in these days of runaway prices. The Joint Rent Action Committee proposes an amendment that will freeze rents at the level of June 30, 1946."

Rent Control Parley in B'klyn Tonight

A conference to save rent control will be held tonight (Monday) at the East Midwood Jewish Center, Ocean Ave. near Avenue K, under auspices of the Midwood Consumer Council.

Speakers will be Rep. Leo Rafael, Assemblyman Sidney J. Levine, Rabbi Halpern, Pastor Warren Pirth and others.

Stop Deportation

A petition for a writ of habeas corpus, signed by United States District Court Judge Henry W. Goddard Wednesday prevented the deportation of Rabbi David Ruttner, it was announced yesterday by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. The writ, obtained by Ruttner's attorney, Carol King, will be argued in the Federal District Court next Friday.

Macy's Xmas Spirit Is Thin

By a Macy Worker

The Christmas spirit pervades every part of the huge Macy department store—that is every part of the store but the counters, stock rooms and offices—the places where 7,000 Macyites work.

The two weeks before Christmas are witnessing the annual hound and hare race in the 34th St. store; the workers acting as the rabbits and something called a bonus as their prey.

The Christmas bonus, a typical example of management's generosity, is used to bait the harassed, sweated and underpaid Macy workers in the following manner:

For toiling from 9:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m., from Monday, Dec. 9 through Saturday, Dec. 14, in the packed and turbulent store, the Macy worker will receive the magnificent sum of \$10 added to his weekly salary. If the Macy worker will further extend himself and labor from 9:15 a.m. to 9:15 p.m., from Dec. 16 to Dec. 20, he will be rewarded by a bonus of \$15.

THERE'S A CATCH

There is one catch in this scheme. Should a worker clock in two minutes late, she loses the whole bonus for the week.

Last year, one third floor salesgirl put in the whole wearisome time right down to the last day. That afternoon she received a phone call at the

store that her little daughter was home ill with a fever. The salesgirl left work two hours before her 60 hour week was finished. She received no bonus.

It is obvious that this bonus is in reality a bait—a subtle inducement by management to make the underpaid, sweated Macy workers stretch themselves to the limit. And Macy workers by the thousands drive themselves to get the \$10 and \$15 bait. So don't be surprised if a salesgirl with the bright flush of fever on her face waits on you some night this week. She is only striving for her bonus. Why?

The answer lies in the \$34 average weekly wage paid by the store and to the hundreds of workers earning less than \$30 weekly. Macyites lunge for the bonus in a desperate attempt to make a decent salary for two weeks in the entire year.

A DELUSION

Even this is a delusion. Hundreds of Macy workers will toil the whole week, put in overtime, receive a bonus, yet wind up with the grandiose pay of \$44 minus deductions. This is the total result of stretching 65 cents an hour through a back-breaking, overtime filled week—\$44!

The employees earned for Macy's a net profit surpassing \$9,000,000 last year. They have turned in four record days this year with sales above \$1,000,000 each day.

But Macy workers are determined to make their dressed-up sweatshop a decent place to work in. Their answer is the demand of their union, local 1-S, CIO-RWDSU, for \$35 for a 35 hour week.

A Macy elevator operator expressed the temper of the people in the store when he said, "We're going to exchange that sweat soaked Christmas bonus for a living wage."

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HISTORY OF EPILEPSY

By Peter Stone

HIPPOCRATES' essay on "The Sacred Disease" begins: "I am about to discuss the disease called sacred. It is not, in my opinion, any more divine or more sacred than other diseases, but has a natural cause, and its supposed divine origin is due to men's inexperience, and to their wonder at its peculiar character." With these opening words of his brief treatise on epilepsy, Hippocrates expels the gods from medicine. His paper marked the great turn in the history of medicine from mumbo-jumbo into science.

The Greek father of medicine then proceeds to describe epilepsy. He noted that the patient lost his speech and got all choked up. His book mentions foam issuing from the mouth of epileptics, fixed teeth, contracted hands, distorted eyes, and the eventual coma.

DESPITE THE efforts of early Greek medicine to study epilepsy scientifically, the feeling persisted that the disease was a visitation from bad gods. During the various plagues that swept Europe, a Saint was named to drive away the epidemic. St. Vitus was the Saint who was supposed to protect the good from the ravages of epilepsy.

Early scientific literature persisted in linking the disease with heredity as the main and essential cause. It was a shameful thing to be known as an epileptic, and the person so afflicted was considered an outcast by society. A more recent period of experimentation indicates that epileptic conditions can be produced by all kinds of injury to the brain, by drugs, infection such as measles, whooping cough, and by a considerable number of environmental factors. Present authorities on the disease do not discount heredity as an important factor, but also feel that in the main environment plays the most important role in the causation of epilepsy.

The disease is an attack on the nervous system characterized by temporary loss of impairment of the consciousness. It is usually accompanied by muscular movements which may range from twitching eyelids to violent shaking of the entire body. There are about 500,000 epileptics in this country, a figure which approximates the number of tubercular cases.

The loss of consciousness with general convulsive seizures is termed major epilepsy or grand



PESTBROOK WIGLER, ROVING REPORTER



"We've been betrayed—Somehow rats got into this organization..."

ECONOMIC ISSUES

SOME XMAS ADVICE

By Labor Research Assn.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS shopping spree is now in full swing. The papers are lush with advertising of merchandise marked up for the Yuletide sucker trade.

Shoppers' arms are heavy with bundles and the cash registers are ringing up millions, while the phony pipe organ music in the department stores mingles with the sales resistance of the customers. Santa Claus, the super-salesman, is doing his stuff in stimulating the proper "buying mood." And the store owners pray for mild weather as they shovel the last of their wartime shoddy wares on to the counters.

It's a booming seasonal business, all hands agree, and dollar volume, at last, will top all-time high levels of last year.

But behind the bright tinsel and fancy boxes are some facts worth pondering.

First and foremost is the fact that the high food prices and the threat of rent increases to come, are tending to curtail the amounts that can be laid out for Christmas novelties no matter how attractively wrapped.

BUSINESS MAGAZINES are noting the basic fact that the physical volume of trade has actually been contracting in recent months. High prices have, of course, kept high the dollar value of sales. But actual units sold have been decreasing. Said one national business magazine last week: "A turn downward in some lines of trade is starting to appear, with the trend to be more apparent after Christmas."

Government figures show that business inventories have been rising—by another billion or more, we hear, in November. Accumulation of inventories has been running at the rate of \$12-14 billion a year and the process is to continue in the months ahead as the conditions for the next depression are created.

WE DO NOT EXPECT an immediate break in prices. As a whole prices will doubtless continue gradually upward at least through the first part of 1947 until they reach even more dangerous heights than at present. The first real "weaknesses," however, are beginning to be revealed in cotton, grain and certain farm products. But this doesn't mean that prices in metals, chemicals and other fields where monopoly rules, are likely to show similar tendencies.

"Watch quality" is the advice of a leading service to small

Press Roundup

Reich Policy Raps British, US Food Policy

THE HERALD TRIBUNE'S William L. Shirer is quite bitter about the Anglo-American decision to feed and build up our former enemies while stopping aid to our allies: "Amidst the rising clamor in Great Britain and the United States to help poor, defeated Germany back on her feet, I would like to get in a word about one phase of the recent war which Germany won and the Allies lost." That phase, Shirer points out, was the increase of German population and decrease of population among our European allies.

Joseph and Stewart Alsop say Russian concessions and their friendly attitude has our diplomats in a dither. It seems the State Department is so used to being tough and anti-Russian it finds it difficult to be friendly.

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN'S Karl H. Von Wiegand warns that Soviet concessions and good will, evidenced at the Big Four meetings and the UN is only an "outward impression." Hearst's chief pro-Axis correspondent is troubled by the menace of peace between Russia and America. So he charges Russia is aggressive, because its radio programs "tell of . . . the achievements and the happiness" in Russia.

THE TIMES finds "Hopes for continued peace grew on Flushing Meadow and at Lake Success, as they did in the Big Four meetings which resulted in the completion of five treaties with enemy states." It adds, the "gap has narrowed" between the Soviet Union and the Anglo-American group of nations.

Raymond Daniell cables from London that British visitors in Greece discovered that "the most troublesome areas" in Greece, are not along the frontiers of Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, but "within the interior . . . and in the Greek islands." These British visitors attribute a large part of the trouble in Greece to the fact that present Greek government has adopted an intransigent attitude toward all its critics and that its intransigence is bolstered by a belief that the British troops now there will remain as long as Athens asks their support.

PM's Fiorello LaGuardia warns, "There is a tendency now, in the present wild urge for removing 'all controls' to weaken the control which the government has held for many years over money." The former mayor believes inflation is being encouraged by the trend away from low-interest rates on bonds. He notes the pressure which the recent convention of the Investment Bankers Association applied for high interest rates which means more profits for them.

WORTH REPEATING

Shakespeare in *The Comedy of Errors* tells us why men enjoy a more privileged position in society than women. Antipholus' wife, Adriana, discusses with her sister, Luciana, the possible reasons for her husband's absence from dinner:

Luciana: Perhaps some merchant hath invited him, And from the mart he's somewhere gone to dinner.

Good sister, let us dine, and never fret:

A man is master of his liberty:

Time is their master; and when they see time, They'll go or come; if so, be patient, sister.

Adriana:

Why should their liberty be more?

Luciana:

Because their business still lies out o'door.



UAW Backs Bilbo Ouster: Officers and executive board members of the CIO United Auto Workers add their signatures below that of president Philip Murray on the Civil Rights petition urging the 80th Congress to bar Sen. Theodore Bilbo from the Senate. Left to right seated: Martin Gerber, Walter Reuther, president, UAW; George F. Addes, secretary-treasurer. Left to right standing: Paul Milley and William C. Stevenson.

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Blame It on the Reds

AS THE difficulties and conflicts in American economic and political life grow sharper, it becomes ever more fashionable for the apologists of Big Business to blame all headaches on the Communists.

This is the well-known "scapegoat" technique developed to a fine art by one Adolf Hitler.

The other day, for instance, Eddie Rickenbacker, erstwhile darling of America First, tried to tell us that much of the unrest in America today was a foreign importation, brought here by Communist immigrants.

Unfortunately for Mr. Rickenbacker, the same newspapers that reported his speech also reported that the emergency veterans' housing program had been given the bum's rush, and that henceforth we can expect a lot more scarce building materials to go into commercial building.

Does Mr. Rickenbacker seriously believe that 3,500,000 homeless veterans and their families will not feel some "unrest" at this news? Is it "Communist immigrants" who have blocked the building of veterans' homes, or is it rapacious real estate and financial interests who will neither build themselves at prices ordinary people can afford nor let the government do so?

Is it "Communist immigrants" who have forced inflation on the country, who have greatly increased the exploitation of the working people, who are rapidly piling up the elements of a deep economic crisis?

Or is it the General Motors Corp., U.S. Steel and the rest of the crowd that is more interested in piling up profits than in keeping the economy going?

Are "Communist immigrants" responsible for Bilboism, for the lynchings in Georgia, for the whole system of Jimcrow that has created "unrest" among the Negro people?

We could ask Rickenbacker a lot more questions along these lines. But it is hardly necessary.

No, the causes of unrest in America do not have to be imported. They are woven in the fibre of our society.

The "scapegoat" technique is also the favorite of those—inside and outside of America—who want to cover up their own gigantic crimes against humanity.

Take Marshal Smuts, for instance. At the recent National Association of Manufacturers convention, he made quite a to-do about "Communist aggression" and about the manners and the grace of bourgeois "democratic" society.

Smuts is the premier of the Union of South Africa, the land where a few thousand whites live most graciously off the bitter slavery of millions of Negroes, where the great bulk of the population is kept in a subjection which even our own South has never known.

When Smuts talks about "Communist aggression," he means only the movement which demands the Negro in South Africa be made a free and equal citizen with the white.

Such is the basis for much of our red-baiting today.

It Adds Up

ITEM: President Truman refused to answer directly whether his administration was planning an increase in rent ceilings before Congress convenes in January.

Item: Figures show that not one single apartment house was completed in New York in 1946.

These two items, appearing on different days, are closely linked. They show that the Big Business boys are practicing the same sort of sabotage in housing as they did in meat.

They are saying, in effect, get rid of rent controls or we won't build. What is more, they have also effectively blocked government building.

There is very serious danger they will succeed in raising rent ceilings as the first step in doing away with controls altogether.

They can be fought only in one way: through house-by-house, block-by-block tenant organization and counter-pressure on the government.

SHAKEDOWN



Letters From Our Readers

American Seamen Get to See Spain

S.S. Middlebury Victory
Editor, Daily Worker:

The American Merchant Vessel S.S. Middlebury Victory has just returned after picking up cargo in seven ports in Spain—Palamos, Barcelona, Alicante, Malaga, Seville, Cadiz and Algeria. We crew member witnessed the following terrible conditions.

Scores of people gathered on the docks at every port, waiting for the left-over scraps of food from our ship. Regardless of food shortages and starvation, Franco continues to export the much needed food. For instance, olive oil, a basic food in the Spanish diet, is rationed to the people. Our ship carried thousands of gallons of this oil to New York.

Armed police and Civil Guards are numerous in the streets and public buildings. In order for a person to travel to another place, no matter how short the distance, a visa is compulsory and difficult to obtain as rigid investigations of every traveller are made by fascist officials.

Spanish-speaking members of the crew who spoke with people in each of the cities we stopped in, told of the hatred felt toward Franco. These are some of the conditions which we found existing in fascist Spain today.

ANDREW J. SMITH,
WM. S. MILHOUSE.
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Ship's Committee to Oust Franco.

B'way Column Will Have That Zing!

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Am thrilled at the news that Barnard Rubin is writing a Broadway column for our paper. I think it will add a certain zing which we can use.

How about more articles by Milton Howard?

READER.

Wants Article On Farm Workers

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Would like to suggest the DW carry some Marxist articles on farm workers. It is my opinion that we do not have sufficient understanding of this important problem.

I feel that our lack of understanding of this issue hampers our work in this field.

M. M.

WASHINGTON NOTES

BREAKFAST WITH THE HALL FAMILY

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON

"I SEE THE STATE DEPARTMENT intends to deny relief to those governments whose political opinions it doesn't like," said my wife at breakfast the other day. She had the news section of the morning paper. My son had the morning papers. My son had the

"If you will take the trouble to recall, I wrote all that in the Daily Worker six weeks ago," I grumbled.

"That's the trouble with your omniscient paper," she retorted. "Omniscient means it knows everything," I explained to my son.

"You describe what is going on under the surface, chart the trends, predict what will happen. So when it happens, neither your editors nor your readers are surprised. And the worst of it is, are then unable to react with real indignation, if it's something one should be indignant about. And certainly you ought to get hot about this Acheson speech."

"THE TROUBLE with the Daily Worker," said my 12-year-old, "is they print ads on the sports page."

"I am hot about the Acheson speech," I said, glaring balefully at my oatmeal. "But how can I be surprised?"

"This stuff has been cooking for months. No, not the oatmeal; the State Department's loans and relief policy," I explained quickly. (My wife doesn't like the critical approach applied to her cooking). "It is a natural companion piece to the Byrnes-Vandenberg foreign policy. If you set out to dominate the world, you use every weapon at hand. The fact that the U. S. is the wealthiest capitalist power puts tempting weapons in Mr. Truman's hand."

"So they junk UNRRA which has been distributing relief and making loans on a purely non-political basis. They junk LaGuardia who has fought for a continuation of that policy. And now LaGuardia is out and they have \$600 million left in UNRRA's treasury. Fiorello says this has been promised to Byelorussia, Ukraine, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Albania and these peoples may starve if they don't get it."

"People who didn't surrender to Nazis with guns in their hands won't be cowed by threats of starvation."

"Gee," said my son, jumping up from the table and upsetting my now cold oatmeal. "I'm late for school!"

A Newsman Inside Greek Guerilla Territory

United Press correspondent Robert Vermillion has just returned to Athens from six days in northern Greece.

By Robert Vermillion

United Press Staff Correspondent
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ATHENS, Dec. 15 (UP).—Beginning 150 miles north of Athens and spreading from Thessaly to Thrace through the mountainous badlands of northern Greece is a land of sickness, famine and fear.

It is ruled by small bands of desperate men who say they want to put down their rifles and go home but are afraid to do so. It is the domain of the guerillas—the Andartes.

I have just returned from six days in one of the kingdoms of these guerillas, where 54 mountain villages and 25,000 people exist precariously in the midst of a minor civil war. Two armed forces clash daily. Both wear British battle dress.

I talked with the guerillas and their leaders and with the men and women of the villages they rule. We talked in the ruins of homes and churches destroyed by Germans and at midnight rendezvous in shepherds' huts.

The Andartes call themselves "armed groups of Greek oppressed." Not one pretended that he had dropped his plow and taken to the mountains for any reason besides necessity. All claimed they were driven into the mountains and hills by beatings, threats of jail or death, because they were members of the ELAS resistance groups under Leftist leadership during the occupation.

With me were John Phillips of Time and Life magazines and Tom Polites, a Greek-speaking New York artist who is here distributing donated art materials. During our six days of traveling through Andarte territory by jeep and foot and on muleback we found no evidence that the guerillas were receiving material help from abroad.

We met the Andartes on our second day in our territory. They came to the houses where we stayed or we met them on muddy mountain trails while seeking their headquarters. Travel is so slow and communications are so bad that the Andartes themselves do not know in most cases where their roving headquarters are



Greek Premier Tsaldaris tells delegation of American Council for a Democratic Greece that presence of British troops in Greece is "no concern" to him. Left to right: The Rev. Jack McMichael, Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild, Tsaldaris, and Creste Stephano, delegation spokesman.

from day to day.

During six days we saw more human misery than we believed existed in a country which fought on the Allied side in the recent war. Houses wrecked by the Germans as reprisal during the occupation were replaced by mud huts.

There is almost no other food than heavy, tasteless cornbread, tomatoes picked during the summer and a few potatoes. Those people who pass for "well off" occasionally get a chicken or an aged nanny goat which has ceased producing milk.

The sick lie on beds of rough planks and wait for death, or a miraculous recovery without medicines or physicians. In six villages we visited, we found only one doctor. And because he was in Andarte territory, he found it impossible to get adequate medical supplies.

Villagers reported without exception that they met obstacles in government areas whenever they went to get UNRRA rations. Police and public officials in government army-controlled areas said frankly that they would not help villagers in Andarte territory.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—An Exchange Telegraph Agency dispatch from Athens reported that Premier Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts of South Africa today was proclaimed an honorary citizen of the Greek capital.

because they believed the food went to guerillas.

Phillips, Polites and I slipped out of Kalabaka late on the afternoon of Dec. 4 in a white jeep, with me driving. We headed towards the Andarte side.

The road winds around mine craters, the skeletons of horses picked clean by crows and buzzards and wrecked vehicles. We waved to Greek soldiers at the last Army outpost and moved into the no man's land leading to the river.

Next morning we found that our jeep motor, which had been giving us trouble, had expired. We hired mules from two muleteers began the long, slow ride in drenching rain up mountain trails towards the village. We arrived at the

village late in the afternoon, found a room and announced we were looking for the Andartes.

THE STOREKEEPER said, "That won't be difficult. Just wait. They'll come."

We waited a day and a half. On the night of Dec. 6 we had gone to bed again on plain boards, but at midnight our host flung back the curtain across the door of our small chamber and announced dramatically, "The Andartes!"

Two young men walked in. One

was clean-shaven with dark hair, dark deep-set eyes, a swarthy skin. He carried a dispatch case from which protruded five pencils. The other was grinning broadly under a sweeping black mustache.

The first Andartes introduced himself by his pseudonym, "Vagelis." The other never revealed his name. We explained who we were. Vagelis thought a moment, then launched into a long explanation of how he came to be an Andartes. We later found his story to be typical.

Vagelis is 26. He was graduated from high school in a nearby valley city in 1942 and promptly joined the Elas Resistance movement, then fighting German occupation forces.

The result was that after the December 1944 revolt of Elas he was "hounded, beaten and finally forced to flee into the mountains to save his life." Now he was "supervisor" of several villages in the area controlled by the Andartes.

Vagelis said the British battle-dress which was worn by most of his men was taken either from the bodies of dead Greek soldiers, from ambushed trucks or from captured soldiers.

Vagelis and nearly all the Andartes we saw later carried British Sten guns, Enfield rifles or tommy guns. Some still had old French, Italian or German automatic weapons or rifles, but as Vagelis put it, "We are gradually standardizing our equipment at the expense of the Greek army."

The Andartes demand withdrawal of British troops, new and free elections with all parties including the Communist and others in the Left coalition taking part, the arrest of all former collaborators and a general amnesty.

Kuomintang Greed Imperils 400,000 Chinese

Special to the Daily Worker

SHANGHAI, (By Mail).—This is a story of the Yellow River and of some 400,000 simple Chinese homesteaders whose farms and lives are endangered by Kuomintang carelessness and greed.

In 1938 retreating Chinese armies

blew up some of the networks and dams which held the great rivers to its course. The fierce water flooded great stretches of land to the south; the old river bed stretching for miles to the sea dried up.

In the eight years that followed, 400,000 farmers came to live in the dried-up river bed. Some even had titles to the land from more than a century ago when the river's course had been different.

The greatest of UNRRA's rehabilitation projects in China is to reclaim the flooded lands. It allocated funds, and work was started to rebuild the blasted dykes.

The river bed is in Communist-liberated territory. The flooded lands to the south are in Kuomintang areas. But the Communists agreed to the project.

They warned however, that a flood catastrophe must not overtake the 400,000 settlers, and asked that these families be cared for before the gap was closed and their new land covered with water. They asked too that their labor on the dykes be paid for in money and flour.

UNRRA's Chinese distribution agency, CNNRA, agreed, and UNRRA recommended that the

400,000 be resettled in light-industrial enterprises.

The engineers went to work; and the Communists gave of their labor. The dykes were almost closed.

But still the 400,000 had not been moved; still no money or flour was forthcoming.

Luckily the flood season came early last summer, and the river flowed again to the south.

Now the dry time is approaching again and the gap is to be closed. With all the time and money already spent on the project, UNRRA is naturally loath to give it up. But can UNRRA afford to continue if the Kuomintang-controlled CNNRA still refuses to give of its funds and its food to Communist-led peasants? Death and devastation would result.

Celebrities in the sports, theatrical and professional worlds, will pay tribute to Joe Louis as a "great fighter and a great American" at a dinner tonight at the Starlight Roof at the Waldorf Astoria.

Tributes will be made over WMCA from 10:30 to 11 p.m. by such public figures as: Frank Sinatra, Walter White, General John Reed Kilpatrick, Duke Ellington, Carole Landis, Ham Fisher, Burt Ives, Etta Moten, W. C. Handy and others.

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Packing Workers Win Wage Hike at Wilson's

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—General wage increases ranging from 7½ cents to 17 cents an hour were included in the contract reached with Wilson & Co., Ralph Helstein, president of the United Packinghouse Workers (CIO), announced today.

The terms of the Wilson agreement are similar to those signed by the union and Cudahy Packing Co. A proposed agreement with Swift & Co., largest of the Big Four meat packers, also patterned after the Cudahy agreement was referred to the local unions in the Swift chain for ratification.

Armour & Co. is the only remaining member of the Big Four which has not reached an agreement with the union. Meetings between Armour and the union are scheduled for Monday morning here.

Average wage increases under the newly signed Wilson contract amount to 15 cents an hour. Some 13,000 workers at seven plants of the Wilson chain are covered by the contract.

Major provisions of the Wilson agreement include across-the-board wage increases of seven and one-half cents an hour; elimination of

No Open Season On Harlem

(Continued from Page 4) the labor-progressive allies of the Negro responsible for these conditions. On the contrary, it is the labor and progressive supporters of the Negro people—of whom the Communists are a part—who fight day-to-day besides the Negro people to end these conditions.

This new "open season" which is developing against Harlem has all the earmarks of blackmail, against the people of Harlem, against their support of such a fighting people's anti-Bilbo champion as Marcantonio.

The people of Harlem do not have weak nerves. Blackmail will not work. They will not be frightened or intimidated out of the growing movement, with their white allies, for decent housing and jobs—for the end of Jim-crow in New York. The offensive of the people of Harlem, supported by labor and progressives—firmly rooted in Negro and white unity—is to make New York a better place to live in. It has just begun.

Landlords Doing It; How About Tenants?

Landlords are organizing for the future rent struggles they expect from their tenants.

The National Apartment Owners' Association, with headquarters in Baltimore is sending letters to rental property owners urging them to "combat the left-wing elements that would have rent control a permanent part of our economy."

The letter is signed by George W. Proffitt (not inappropriate), calling on property owners to join the organization for 1947. The appeal is made in the basis that landlords "regain their property."

"Local associations of property owners," said Proffitt, "have heretofore been the main support of the National Association, but we haven't the time now to organize more local associations to bring in needed support. To win our objectives and properly represent the industry, we must have large numbers of individual apartment owners in our membership."

Help oust Franco. Attend the Christmas Salute to Spain's Republicans at Madison Square Garden tonight at 8:30.

Threatened for Aiding Negro KKK Victim

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., Dec. 15.—Police last night investigated the second instance of Ku Klux Klan activity within the week here—a warning note sent to Mrs. R. A. Isenberg, wife of a Palo Alto rancher who gave financial aid to a Negro war veteran whose home was burned down. She was threatened with tar and feathering.

An extra police guard was posted about the apartment of John T. Walker, 22-year-old Negro veteran of Okinawa, to prevent terrorists from carrying out their pledge of death to him if he failed to leave town by midnight of Friday the 13th.

Walker, whose home was set afire by unidentified arsonists last week, had evacuated his wife and two children from the city after receiving the second note signed K.K.K. within a week.

City CIO Plans Political Action

The city CIO Council has begun organization of its 600,000 members on a political district basis to campaign for legislation to protect labor's rights in the next session of Congress and the state legislature, Daniel Allen, political action director, reported today.

This will be accomplished by three steps, Allen said, which call for:

1. Selection of members in each district who will be available for visits to their legislators, with a chairman for each area. Local union political action committees are now setting up such committees in all five boroughs.

2. Distribution to every union member by early January of a wallet-size CIO Voter's Card indicating his congressional, assembly and state senatorial district, and the legisla-

tors for each of those political subdivisions.

3. Regular reports to local unions on the status of federal, state and city legislation with recommendations for appropriate action.

Powell Calls Harlem Legislative Conference

Representative Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. issued a call Friday to all individuals and organizations of Harlem to attend a people's legislative conference Saturday, Dec. 21st at 12 a.m. at the Abyssinia Church, 132 W. 138th St.

Main item on the conference agenda is the discussion of police cooperation with Harlem citizens. The conference will elect a delegation to go to Washington to confer with the elected Republican leaders of the House and the Senate.

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BEARS WIN TITLE, 24-14

SPORTS

CCNY Makes Nat Holman Happy

Nat Holman undoubtedly had his best night's sleep of the young basketball campaign Saturday night. Not only did his CCNY boys beat a well regarded Westminster team 74-42 for their sixth victory, but they played a coaches' kind of basketball in so doing.

Of the 33 field goals dunked by 13 of the City men used, only 2 were of the long shot variety. The great majority were layups from right under the basket on the tallend of speed coming down the floor and skill in handling the ball. The others were short one handers looped in from the immediate vicinity of the net.

The newest personnel development on this interesting ball club, one which had been unlooked for, was the emergence of young Irwin Dambrot as a full blown regular. The pimply cheeked 18-year-old, 6-3½ freshman fits smoothly into running pattern of CCNY's play and has the unerring instinct of a good basketball player in driving through daylight for the goal. Though still showing inexperience in some of his moves, Irwin fits more fluidly into the City attack than either Galiber or Benson, the other two big men, and it is no secret that he is regarded as potentially one of the greatest centers in a CCNY history that includes such as Moe Goldman.

After a close first half the Bears just ran Westminster dizzy. No-

Courtstuff

St. Johns looked improved over its Nevada form in beating Loyola of Chicago easily Saturday night. The visitors had been unbeaten in seven games, including two with Southern Methodist and one with Texas.

Boykooff played his best game, scoring 20 points, coming up with rebounds and moving a trifle faster than previously. Lennie Doctor was an aggressive playmaker and McGuire came to life in the second half with the kind of spectacular ball he is capable. The Redmen are short of capable reserves, but if their ace sophomore Celebrese recovers from a knee injury soon they'll be very tough.

Oklahoma A&M, loser by one point to LIU, made the Brooklynites look good by trimming Temple on Philly floor, 43-34. In the nightcap St. Josephs continued to serve notice that it is hot by trouncing Nevada, conquerors of St. Johns, 49-38. CCNY catches St. Joes later this year. The Beavers must also tangle with such toughies as Bowling Green, Oklahoma, reputed to have All Americans and be better than A&M, and Wyoming.

Texas, which meets LIU Tuesday night, beat Canisius in Buffalo, a tough trick, 52-46. NYU plays Arkansas in the other game of the next Garden doubleheader.

Notre Dame met its first defeat, losing to Wisconsin at Madison in overtime 53-49... Rutgers edged Columbia 64-61 in a wild game at New Brunswick. The winners unveiled a sizzling star in Bucky Hatchett, a Negro star who led the scorers with 18 and stood out defensively.

Help oust Franco. Attend the Christmas Salute to Spain's Republicans at Madison Square Garden tonight at 8:30.

By Lester Rodney

The burly Bears of Chicago won the National League football championship yesterday with a 24-14 victory over the New York Giants in a game played under the shadow of an investigation into charges that gamblers had attempted to fix the game.

At the Polo Grounds 53,326 fans saw a fierce, bruising battle in which Sid Luckman, 29 year old Brooklynite, ripped 19 yards for the decisive touchdown.

The Giants played without the services of their four best running backs, a staggering handicap. Bill Paschal was rendered hors de combat last week with a broken jaw, Bill Reagan was carried off the field early yesterday with a smashed nose, George Frank hurt his leg in the first half and Merle Hapes was kept out of the game by league commissioner Bert Bell because he had been approached by the gambling syndicate.

Without an authentic running threat the Giants had to take to the air for any significant gains and six interceptions of Filchock passes by the spread Chicago defense played an important part in the final result.

The Bears opened up as if to run the Giants out of the park. Inside of eight minutes they had scored two touchdowns and led 14-0. The first break of the game came when Bulldog Turner hit George Franck with an earth shaking tackle that jarred the ball loose from the Giant back's grasp and led to a Bear recovery on the Giant 32. Luckman pitched a nine yard pass to Sprinkle, McAfee plowed to a first down on the 21, and then Sid fired the payoff pass to Ken Kavanaugh, a perfect leading pitch right down the middle caught halfway into the end zone. Maznicki's conversion made it 7-0.

Four minutes later Filchock's arm was bumped by a rushing Bear as he passed from deep in Giant territory, and the inaccurate toss was taken by the Bears' Dante Magnani on the 39 without a Giant in sight and run the distance for another touchdown. Maznicki again converted and it looked like a possible Bear romp.

LONG PASS CLICKS

But Filchock, playing with a broken nose from the ten minute mark and refusing to stay out of the



SID LUCKMAN'S touchdown pass to Kavanaugh broke a tie with Sammy Baugh and gave him a record total of 7 payoff heaves in playoff games. He also passed Sammy in total yardage in passing, his 144 yards yesterday running his playoff total to 720.

game, led the Giants back into the running. From the Giant 48 he pitched an 11 yarder over the middle to Poole. After two incomplete tosses he ran to his right, stopped and heaved a long one which Frank Liebell pulled down over his shoulder at the goal line after outrunning his Chicago defender.

Old Ken Strong kicked the point, his 320th as a Giant, giving him the Giant all-time scoring record.

The second quarter produced no scoring. The Bears threatened in the early minutes after Magnani in-

tercepted another Filchock heave on the Bear 27 and ran it back 10 yards. Kavanaugh made a wonderful tumbling catch of Luckman's 32 yard heave to bring the ball to the Giant 35. George McAfee then uncorked a surprise left handed pass which the veteran Hank Soar just barely deflected out of Kavanaugh's reach on the five yard line.

Frank broke away for the longest Giant run of the day, 38 yards to the Bear 40 and had to leave the game with a leg injury immediately thereafter. Reagan had been carried off in the first quarter. Another pass interception, this one by McAfee, ended the Giant threat.

In the opening movements of the second half Howell recovered Osmanski's fumble on the Bear 22 and the Giants cashed in their chance to tie the score. A 15-yard penalty against the Bears for unnecessary roughness gave the Giants a first down on the 10 and on 4th down with five yards to go Filchock sacked in the defense with a rambling run to his left and then fired a payoff pass to Filipowicz standing all alone in the end zone. Strong's conversion tied the score.

That was all the scoring until the fourth quarter when the Bears launched a touchdown drive from their own 31 following one of a series of weak Giant kicks. Luckman's passes interspersed with running plays brought the ball to the Giant 34 and an unnecessary roughness penalty moved it to the 19. The Bears were not the only team guilty of excess tackling zeal. Luckman then circled to his right from his T quarterback position in a deceptive play, straightened out and batted through a hole for the 19 yards and a touchdown.

The Bears put the finishing touch on the game when Maznicki booted a field goal from the 24 yard line to make the score 24-14 with four minutes left to play. Luckman intercepted a desperate Filchock heave on the Bear 30 and the Bears held the ball until the game was over.

WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News Report

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WJZ—News; Kiernan's Corner
WCBS—News—Harry Marble
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Music to Remember
6:15-WNBC—Serenade to America
WOR—Bob Eison, Interview
WJZ—Elie Land Albert
WCBS—in My Opinion
6:30-WOR—News—Fred Vanderventer
WJZ—Alain Prestot
WCBS—Sports—Red Barber
WMCA—Racing Results
WQXR—Dinner Concert
6:45-WNBC—Bill Stern, Sports
6:45-WNBC—Lowell Thomas
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Lawrence and Marley
WCBS—Robert Trout, News
WMCA—Sports Resume
7:00-WNBC—Supper Club Variety
WOR—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Comment
WJZ—Headline Edition
WCBS—Mystery of the Week
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Concert Stage
7:15-WNBC—News of the World
WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Elmer Davis, News
WCBS—Jack Smith Show
7:30-WNBC—Barry Wood Show
WOR—Henry J. Taylor, Comment
WJZ—Lone Ranger
WCBS—Bob Hawk Show
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh
WQXR—Treasury of Music
7:45-WNBC—H. V. Kaltenborn
WHN—J. Steel
WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
WMCA—Musical Playhouse
8:00-WNBC—Cavalcade of America
WOR—Crime Club
WJZ—Lum 'n' Abner
WCBS—Inner Sanctum Show
WMCA—News; U. N. Broadcast
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WJZ—John Paris, Songs
8:30-WNBC—Christopher Lynch, Tenor; Oscar Shumsky, Violin
WOR—Case Book of Gregory Hood
WJZ—The Fat Man—Play
WCBS—Joan Davis Show
WMCA—U. N. This Week—Talk
8:45-WMCA—Bert Andrews, Comment
8:55-WCBS—Bill Henry, News
9:00-WNBC—Patti Reichler, Violin
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WQXR—Dark Venture—Play
WCBS—Radio Theatre
WMCA—News; Amateur Hour
WQXR—News; Concert Hall
9:05-WAAT—Labor News, U.S. CIO
9:15-WOR—Real Stories
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BOOKS - FILMS - THE ARTS

MOVIES

'Carmen' Without Music Earthy and Humorous

Lovers of the opera who for many years have enjoyed Bizet's *Carmen* done in the classical operatic tradition, will find a new *Carmen* at the Ambassador Theatre on W. 49 St., filmed in postwar Italy and presented with an all French cast and English titles.

The film is strictly for moviegoers alone, with only an occasional passage from Bizet's music included on the sound track. With the thoroughly bewitching and wenchy Vivian Romance playing the role of the gypsy girl, whose loves and crimes are revealingly told, the film *Carmen* is a lusty, bawdy, brawling movie full of murderous characters of the piratical mould who are not without their humorous moments.

CARMEN WICKED

The story follows the adventures of Carmen from the market places and dance halls to the highways and bull rings of 19th century Spain. Carmen is indeed a wicked woman, possessed of few morals or scruples, but beautiful and enticing to look at. She loves, betrays and steals with equal abandon; bestowing her favors on lovers of her choice, conniving and stealing to help her husband "one-eye," who is the leader of a band of highwaymen and cut-throats; luring a soldier into dishonor and disgrace, falling in love with a bullfighter who is killed the next day in the bullring, and ending in violent death herself.

But it's not the story that makes *Carmen* so entertaining a film. The producers could have extracted much more from the plot of the opera than its emphasis on sex and murder. However, with the material they have chosen, *Carmen* is brought alive by an excellent cast, who act with complete abandon and obvious enjoyment of their roles. The characters are earthy and uncompromising in their villainy.

The humor is of the barrel house variety, going more to the belly than the head, and occasionally containing sharply pointed barbs at the superstitious and religious bigotry of the old Spain.

A DECIDED CONTRAST

Carmen seems to have arrived unobtrusively, and without the notice of the censors. But what the censors have left alone provides a rare treat for moviegoers. In decided contrast to the Hollywood products are the natural settings, the spontaneous dialogue and acting, and the ability of the director and photographer to extract the most out of the story. If *Carmen* is any in-

-A. D.

Jewish Fraternal Order Raps Anti-Semitic Film

Bing Crosby's anti-Semitic film version of Abie's Irish Rose is a "danger to the welfare of the entire country" and "must be scrapped before it is exposed to public screenings," the IWO Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order declared yesterday to the Daily Worker.

The protest signed by George Starr, National Director of JPO called the picture "a monstrous insult to the Jewish boys who fought and died in the fight against the Nazis."

The full text of the protest follows:

"It is apparent from all advance reports that Bing Crosby's version of Abie's Irish Rose is a film which must be scrapped before it is exposed to public screenings."

"At this moment, when native American fascists are working feverishly to sow the seeds of anti-Semitism and race hatred, any film which caricatures the Jews, the Irish or any other minority group is a danger to the welfare of the entire country."

Taras Family'

The new Soviet film *The Taras Family*, starring Ambrosi Butchma, enters its second week at the Stanley Theater starting today.

Warm Humor of the People

By Samuel Sillen

In a country like ours, with so many language groups, we think too narrowly of literature as writing produced in English. The concept of a people's literature must obviously include all the minority groups. But in the absence of translations, the main body of American writing is cut off from the rich ideas and experience of important sections of the population.

A recent translation of Sholem Aleichem's stories gave many readers their first glimpse of the vigorous literature which exists in Yiddish. For the most part, however, the Yiddish writer is unknown even to his good friends who do not happen to read his language or, as in my case, read it only with great difficulty.

I am thinking of our great friend Sam Liptzin. He has published 17 volumes in Yiddish. His work is loved by many thousands of readers who know him not only under his own name but under the pseudonyms of "Uncle Sam" and "Quicksilver." Moissaye Olgin hailed him as "one of the most eminent, popular story-tellers on the proletarian front." And yet Liptzin has remained only a name to the reader who is limited to English.

Now all of us can at least read him in a volume entitled *In Spite of Tears*, translated by S. P. Rudens and edited by Ber Green (Amcho, \$3). It contains 60 tales, both humorous and serious, in addition to several one-act plays and a sheaf of epigrams.

Liptzin is a folk writer. He deals with everyday themes in a warm, human way. Here are plain people seen with all their failings and all their virtues. Here the tales of laughter and sorrow are



mixed as in life itself. Here is sympathy for the exploited and struggle for a better life.

INTIMATE SKETCHES

Not all the tales are of even quality. Some strike me as too quickly done, suffering from the haste of newspaper composition, and some are too sentimental for my taste. But in all these sketches you feel that intimate relation to an audience, that community of feeling and lack of false sophistication, which marks the folk writer.

Always we meet real people; the landlady and the tenant, the storekeeper and his customer, the worker and his boss. Here is the world of tenements and sweatshops. With unfailing vitality, Liptzin sees a world of interesting people, the humble, the silly, the stupid and the shrewd.

They are presented in vignettes or "humoresques." They flash briefly into our consciousness, but we recognize them and they stay with us.

Liptzin has told an amusing and characteristic story about a prospective buyer of one of his books. This reader walked into a Jewish bookstore on the East Side and asked how much the book cost. When he learned that it was \$2 the customer exclaimed to the sales clerk: "Indeed, but for that price I can get a volume by Mark Twain or Sholom Aleichem." The salesman answered: "But Mark Twain and Sholom Aleichem are dead and Sam Liptzin is alive and needs to make a living."

The customer thought that over for a moment. Then he replied: "If that's so, then I'll have to wait."

Fortunately, the English-reading audience does not have to wait to read Sam Liptzin, for we at last have a translation. He is not Mark Twain and he is not Sholom Aleichem, but he writes in a rich tradition of the folk. Undoubtedly, something of his subtlety and wit had to be sacrificed in translation—though Mr. Rudens has done what seems to be an excellent job. But the warm humanity is there in gratifying abundance.

Music in Review

By Murray Chase

Eugene Istomin's piano recital last week was a demonstration of skillful, enthusiastic and musically playing such as is rarely given by far more mature pianists than this young man.

Mr. Istomin's program was well-balanced and interesting and each phase of the old and new music he played showed good taste and an understanding of its content and style.

The "novelty" of the program was Adolph Busch's Suite. Although this was the weakest music of the program, it had its spots of interest and was put together in a musicianly way and, in Mr. Istomin's interpretation, made pleasurable listening.

PHILHARMONIC

As befits a Frenchman who is a veteran of the Army of the Republic, a German prison camp and the Resistance Movement, Manuel Rosenthal chose an all-French program for his conducting assignment with the Philharmonic last week.

Three of the five compositions played, Rivier's Symphony for Strings, Barraud's Piano Concerto and Rosenthal's own Wine Festival, were written in 1938 and 1939, and, if dates mean anything, these should have been the "modern" works on the program. Unfortunately, these works represented so little of the real spirit of the day that it was left to the Berlioz Overture, Benvenuto Cellini to strike the truest modern note of the evening. This spirited overture with its awkward but somehow attractive themes, its straightforward and skillful orchestration and its powerful rhythmic climaxes never sounded so human as it did following the inanities of the previously

mentioned "moderns" with their pointless themes and unreal moods.

Rosenthal's Wine Festival alone of the three struck any memorable feeling with its realistic binge and its ingenious musical hangover.

Mr. Rosenthal's conducting is angular and a little distracting, but he guided the orchestra efficiently if not in a distinguished manner.

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Tenement Ruins Attract Thousands of Curious

By John Hudson Jones

The ruins of the collapsed house at 2515 Amsterdam Ave. were grim and quiet yesterday as thousands of curious spectators still flocked to Washington Heights for a look at the scene of one of New York's worst disasters. Moving men in the top floors of the standing house were swinging out pieces of furniture with block and tackle. A big glass fronted china closet swung like a pendulum in the icy wind.

As the men pushed it from a fourth floor window. It came slowly to the street where it was put into a big white and blue van.

There were no firemen and sanitation workers digging into the huge pile of crumbled masonry, wood-work and steel—the last mangled body of the 37 victims was taken out Saturday.

There were only the police keeping back the curious, and a few fire officials sitting in red cars.

In the crowd of spectators across

the street from the rear of the building, a man said to a woman next to him, "You know this could happen to a lot of places in New York. I'll bet every third house is rotten through and through."

The woman shuddered.

"Just like the one I live in, I guess," she said. And then the cop shooed them off.

Others were saying, "Are any more under there? . . . Will the survivors get any compensation or damages from anybody? . . . Jeez, it's a little sample of London and Berlin only this is worse. They weren't expecting anything."

The Real Villain

Rotten as the death-trap at 2515 Amsterdam Ave. was, 45,000 New York families, a fifth of the city's population, live in houses even more rotten.

Whatever the direct cause of the tragedy that wiped out whole families, no one who has seen the ruins can doubt that the house crumbled so thoroughly because of its decayed condition.

It was not an old-law tenement. It was built in 1905, four years after the new housing code for the city went into effect.

But 450,000 families live in old-law tenements.

The greed of the real estate interests is the real villain of the tragedy.

These interests have blocked

development of housing on a wide scale to "protect" their investments in old houses.

They have allowed houses to deteriorate by "milking" them for all they could get out of them in the shortest possible time.

Last year, the Department of Justice cited 30 New York City banks, insurance companies and trust companies for conspiring to hold back credits for building. Their aim was to force people to continue to live in the slum homes, out of which they extract huge profits.

As a result of this conspiracy, building at least 25,000 apartment houses in Brooklyn alone was held up in the five years between 1938 and 1941. This is one way in which these financial interests block building of new homes.

EVACUATION of belongings of victims of the Washington Heights tenement fire continued yesterday in sections of the building still standing. Above, a fireman brings down a pet kitten, one of the many pets which survived the disaster.

THE 'SUB' DRIVE

BROOKLYN COMMUNISTS PASS 1,500 MARK



The Whitey Melzer Club of Brighton shows how to build the Daily Worker as they fight to save rent control. —Daily Worker Photo by Art

Brooklyn Communists reached the 1,500-mark Saturday in their drive for 10,000 new subs to The Worker by Jan. 31.

Almost all sections of the party in Brooklyn have hit their stride in the campaign. The three top areas are Flatbush, the 24th Assembly District and the Sixth A. D. in Williamsburgh.

The 24th A. D. has already

brought in one-third of its drive quota and Flatbush on Saturday reported with 85 out of a quota of 800 subscriptions.

Most of the Brooklyn Communists are going all-out in their inter-section rivalry to do the best job in the drive. They feel that victory for Brooklyn is in the bag.

When the drive was launched,

the Kings County executive committee and section organizers of the Party declared: "We undertake this drive in all seriousness, with the full realization that success will strengthen our support among the workers and middle classes, gain us thousands of new friends and supporters and help us in organizing the people for the struggle ahead."

By BARNARD RUBIN

PRESIDENT TRUMAN insisted that Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer retake scenes of its forthcoming atom bomb movie, in which he is portrayed. He claimed the film did not picture the "mental anguish" he suffered in deciding to drop The Bomb on Hiroshima.

Greta Garbo considering the title role for Selznick's \$5,000,000 "Sarah Bernhardt," in technicolor. . . . Lawrence Olivier to impersonate Cyrano de Bergerac for Korda. . . . You can expect a big new publicity build-up soon for British star James Mason. United Artists then will release his "Fanny by Gas-Light," which they've kept on ice for a year. . . . 20th Century Fox must do some fast re-editing of screen titles for "Wake Up and Dream." Film gives Lee Patrick featured billing, but all takes of her wound up on the cutting room floor. . . . Marlene Dietrich and Jean Gabin still a perennial item . . .



Hollywood producers soon will be given more attention by the National Association for Advancement of Colored People in its attempt to prevent production of films portraying Negroes as "scared of ghosts and addicted to . . . the purloining of Massa's gin," according to Walter White, NAACP executive secretary. A bureau will be set up in the film capital for that purpose.

MOST COURAGEOUS radio program in the nation today is the sustainer put on by WSB, Atlanta, Ga. Program hits racial bigotry hard—and right where it counts—in Talmadge's home grounds . . .

Key issue between AFRA (American Federation of Radio Artists) and the networks is the latters' refusal to accept the "Unfair Stations Clause" in the new code. The clause would permit AFRA members to refuse to take part in any performance broadcast over an affiliated station marked unfair to the union. Artists feel that if their performances can be picked up by unfair or scab stations, they are, in effect, acting as strikebreakers. And that's one act they aren't selling. . . .

Fred Allen having censorship trouble with NBC. Recent sample was web's refusal to let him do a take-off on "The Hucksters" (as you probably know, the best-selling novel which scurries the radio industry). Allen particularly riled because Clark Gable had used the same general idea in a broadcast from the West Coast. . . .

FRANCHOT TONE set to bring to radio life Upton Sinclair's fiction hero Lanny Budd. . . .

Advertising which claims its products are backed by "scientific research" took a rap at a closed session of the New York Council of the American Association of Advertising Agencies. Dr. Virgil D. Reed, associate director of research for J. Walter Thompson Co., described the coupling of research and promotion as "a harlot with a body by Fisher and nothing under the hood. . . ."

PEARSON & ALLEN, in a drag-out legal fight with Hearst Radio, Inc., for ownership of station WBAL, Baltimore. P. & A. pinning hopes on Federal Communications Commission's past charge that Hearst's handling of WBAL was counter to public interest.

ROUND THE WORLD: The Scandinavian correspondent of the London New Statesman and Nation reports that the people of Norway and Sweden "fear that America's insistence on taking bases in Iceland and Greenland may be taken as a provocation by the Russians" and that they'll be caught in the middle. "One Norwegian journalist," the Britisher wrote, "complained that the press had suppressed the fact that Mr. Byrnes said America would stay in Iceland whatever the Icelanders said about the matter. . . ."

In Liberia, largely owned and controlled by the American Firestone Co., the natives in 1945 received 18 cents a day in wages—barely half the minimum legal rate in the nearest British colony.

REMEMBER WHEN the Bevin boys were righteously denying charges that they were permitting sections of the German Wehrmacht to continue soldiering? Here are extracts from a letter from a British soldier in Germany which appeared in the Nov. 8 British "Tribune," firm supporter of Bevin's Labor Party:

"On arrival at my present unit I found that the number of Germans employed in certain military or para-military duties exceeded in some cases the number of British soldiers employed in similar capacities. My worst discovery was that of a troop of ten Panther tanks and self-propelled guns, fully crewed by ex-German and Hungarian tank crews under the command of a former officer of the Wehrmacht. These vehicles are in perfect running order and are used regularly in demonstrations of German battle tactics, including actual firing of the main armament.

"The local inhabitants are convinced that the only logical reason for us to keep German tank crews is to maintain a nucleus of instructors upon which at some date in the future a new German army can be built."

One of the most graphic of the publicity stunts exploiting Jane Russell's obvious charms occurred some time ago on the West Coast. Sky-writing planes advertising "The Outlaw" smoke-lettered the name of the flicker, followed it with two large circles with dots in their centers.

COMMUNIST, LABOR CITY COUNCILMEN TO ASK PROBE

City Councilmen Benjamin J. Davis (Man-Comm), Eugene Connolly (Man-ALP), Peter V. Cacchione (Bklyn-Comm) and Michael Quill (Bx-ALP) will introduce a resolution calling for a probe of the Amsterdam Ave. disaster at the Council meeting tomorrow night, it was announced yesterday. The resolution will also call for city assistance to the survivors.

Find Beheaded Body of Widow

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 15.—Discovery of the headless body of a 45-year-old woman in the cellar of her home and her dismembered head in a kitchen stove today started an Eastern Seaboard search for a seaman who boarded in the home.